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INFO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

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CINCUSAREUR FOR POLAD, OPS & AEAGGO IMMEDIATE

CINCUSAFE FOR POLAD & OPS IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, MOPS, WB, UR, GE

SUBJECT: ESCAPE OF REFUGEE ON DUTY TRAIN

LIMDIS

1. AT ABOUT 2310 22 JUNE PASSENGER ON FRANKFURT BOUND DUTY TRAIN  
DISCOVERED EAST GERMAN AT FRONT END OF CAR #1 ADJACENT TO PASSAGE  
TO CAR#2 AND IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR HELP  
LED HIM TO MEN'S ROOM, SUBSEQUENT INTERROGATION  
DISCLOSED HE WAS 21- YEAR OLD EAST GERMAN RAILWAY  
EMPLOYEE WHO HAD JUMPED ABOARD TRAIN AT ABOUT 2305  
EAST OF ELBE RIVER BRIDGE. ( COMPANION FAILED TO  
GET ABOARD.) ESCAPEE WAS UNABLE TO OPEN DOOR TO CAR BUT  
MANAGED TO GET IN DOOR WINDOW.

2. UPON BEING INFORMED, TRAIN COMMANDER HAD ESCAPEE  
PLACED IN EMPTY COMPARTMENT WITH DOOR LOCKED AND MP  
IN VICINITY; ESCAPEE WAS SHOWN INSTRUCTION CARD FOR

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UNAUTHORIZED PASSENGERS. TRAIN PROCESSED THROUGH SOVIET CHECKPOINT MARIENBORN WITHOUT INCIDENT AND TRAIN CREW IS CONFIDENT HE WAS NOT OBSERVED BY EAST GERMAN CONDUCTOR. AT HELMSTEDT CHECKPOINT COMMANDER ON INSTRUCTION OF USCOB TURNED ESCAPEE OVER TO FEDERAL BORDER POLICE AT 0605 WITH REQUEST HE BE PUT INTO NORMAL REFUGEE CHANNELS.

3. ALL PERSONNEL AWARE OF INCIDENT, INCLUDING FEDERAL AUTHORITIES, HAVE BEEN REQUESTED NOT TO DISCUSS INCIDENT, AND MESSAGES BETWEEN TRAIN, HELMSTEDT AND BERLIN WERE LIMITED IN NUMBER AND TRANSMITTED BY SECURE MEANS.

4. WE ARE ADDRESSING WHAT MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN TO PREVENT ENTRY INTO TRAINS SO AS TO PRECLUDE REOCCURENCE OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS.

5. USCOB CONCURS. AKALOVSKY

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\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* LIMDIS

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